

LA CHAÎNE

UNE INFOLETTRE DE PUNK MONTRÉALAIS + D.I.Y. SHOW LISTING

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PREPPING... FOR PUNKS

Between weather disasters, wars, geopolitics, and everything else, the world feels pretty chaotic right now. You don't have to go full wing-nut-nuclear-bunker-mode to start doing small things to prepare for the kinds of emergencies that seem to be happening more and more. If you're not motivated to do this for yourself, imagine being in a situation where you'd want to be able to help your partners, friends or pets. Recently, some of my emergency supplies have come in handy because the shitty landlord is doing work on the building and keeps cutting power or water without telling us, so it goes to show you never really know what you're preparing for until it's happening.

Don't buy into the right-wing-grifter vision of prepping which whips you into a panic and makes you feel like you need to spend thousands on specialized dried food, gadgets and guns to be truly prepared (and that nothing else short of that is worth doing.) While there are some inexpensive supplies that are good to have on hand and might help you stay alive for a few days, you're not going to get much further than that without a network of people to lean on.

On the podcast *Live Like the World is Dying*, the host Margaret talks about an anarchist approach to preparedness as having three components—not just having the right gear, but also developing useful skills and, most importantly, having solid relationships.

Participating in a punk scene often means having webs of trust and even kinship that extend outside the nuclear family/couple—bandmates, roommates, friends in other cities, etc. Shows and fests are fun, but the logistics required to pull something like that off demonstrates an ability to organize people and resources toward a common goal. The skillsets, networks and thriftiness that power DIY punk are all qualities that could be useful in an emergency—many historical examples aside, this is currently being demonstrated in Asheville, NC where networks around the queer anarchist coop bookstore Firestorm have mobilized to become a live-saving hub for hundreds of people after hurricane Helene.

Not trying to paint an unnecessarily rose-tinted picture of the punk scene as it exists, but I think it's worth normalizing thinking and talking about this stuff with the people around us before it's too late. A little bit of planning and preparation goes a long way, and basically anything is better than nothing. Here's some ideas to get you started for cheap or free:



DESPERTÁ (St. John's, NL) at Noise Not Borders – La Sala Rossa, August 10th 2024. Photo by Martin.

Memorize one or two phone numbers. This one is also useful for stuff like getting arrested or losing your phone [FREE]

Play RPGs or other cooperative games with your friends to learn more about each other and hone your group-decision-making skills [FREE]

Get to know your neighbours. You don't have to be besties or anything, but they're likely going to be the people who are physically closest to you if something crazy goes down, so it's probably good if that's not the first time you're saying hi to each other, especially if you and/or they have any special needs and might need extra help in an emergency. [FREE]

Get some candles and/or battery-powered lights. Also a battery-powered or hand-crank radio so you can get news in a power outage. [CHEAP]

Keep some potable water stored. Not only for drinking but also for washing dishes and flushing toilets if your water gets cut or your pipes freeze. [FREE if you recycle used water jugs, or you can get large water storage containers for around \$20 each]

Stock a little extra ready-to-eat food. You don't have to go wild, even grabbing a few extra cans of soup when they're on sale can get you through a weekend of no power. If you've worked in a restaurant (yes, punk) you probably know about FIFO or "first in, first out" so periodically consume your stored food to avoid waste. [CHEAP]

Make a Bug Out Bag, Go Bag, whatever you wanna call it. Yes you WILL get roasted if you tell people you have a bug out bag (trust me), but I think it's worth normalizing. Start by thrifting an old hiking pack and stash a few essentials like copies of your important documents, an emergency blanket, some water and some cash (as much as you can spare, just try to forget it exists). You can make a list of stuff you'd like to have for it and scrounge, thrift, steal or spend a few bucks here and there to build up your BOB over time. Bonus: if you keep your passport in there, you'll always know where it is when you're packing for tour. [CHEAP to expensive, depending on your resourcefulness]

If you have a car, **keep your gas tank as close to full at all times as you can.** I know this is a tough one but gas always runs out during evacuations [feels expensive, but is actually just the same as filling up at any other time, it's just a change in habit]

MORE RESOURCES IF YOU'RE INTERESTED:

The website *The Prepared* is an incredibly thorough, well-researched and nonpartisan resource about prepping. I highly recommend their beginner's guide and BOB lists. theprepared.com

If you absorb info better from listening than reading, check out *Live Like the World is Dying* podcast. The earlier episodes go over more basics, and there are some additional resources on the website as well. liveliketheworldisdying.com

NOT VARNING

Vendredi 18 octobre — Friday October 18

SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE, SCORCHING TOMB, BAD BET, DESTINED TO BURN, JEWELTONE, FREEZERBURN @ Tapage/B7 — 8pm/20h — \$20 (AA)

SEUM, GUHN TWEI (Rouyn Noranda), DESTRUCTION DERBY @ Van Horne Underpass — 6pm/18h (AA)

NO WAVES, CANICHE666, JETSAM @ Quai des Brumes — 21h/9pm

Samedi 19 octobre — Saturday October 19

RENÉ BINAMÉ (Belgique), DIRTY OLD MAT (France), ULTRAPTÉRODACTYLE @ Tapage/B7 — 19h/7pm — \$10

Lundi 21 octobre — Monday October 21

UNDEATH (Rochester), KRUELTY (Japan), GATES TO HELL (Louisville), TORTURE (Chicago) @ Foufs — 7:30pm/19h30 — \$31

Samedi 26 octobre — Saturday October 26

MALDITO MUNDO (Arizona), A.T.E.R., SISTEMA DE MUERTE, RECALL @ P'tit Ours — 9pm/21h — \$15/20

BAD BEAT (Detroit), SUFFER NO FOOLS (Michigan), INFLUX (Toronto), LOOSE SCREW, IRON CRUSADERS (first show) @ La Sotterenea — 8pm/20h — \$20, \$15 w/ costume (AA)

Samedi 2 novembre — Saturday November 2

Benefit for Kontinonstats ne Kanien'keha-Kanehsatake language and Cultural Center ft. ONISENSHA, VERIFY, D.T. @ Casa

Samedi 9 novembre — Saturday November 9

VOMIR (Paris), WASAUKSING SNIPER (Winnipeg), UN REGARD FROID, PRIMITIVE ISOLATION TACTICS, PROPERTY VIOLATOR @ Piranha Bar — 8pm/20h — \$21/25

Vendredi 15 novembre — Friday November 15

BLEEDING OUT (Toronto), CELL PRESS, MAXXPOWER @ Van Horne Underpass — 7pm/19h — \$10/PWYC

MULCH, HRT, DUREX, POWER DROP @ La Sotterenea — 8pm/20h — \$15/20

Samedi 16 novembre — Saturday November 16

DEATH GASP (Pittsburgh), WARKRUSHER, PORTAL TOMB @ Barfly — 10pm/22h — \$15 NOTAFLOF

CLONED APPARITION, CUSTOMER SERVICE, BIRDS OF PREY, SEVENTH DOSE @ P'tit Ours — \$20

Samedi 30 novembre — Saturday November 30

SOLIDS, LAUGHING, SPITE HOUSE, ONE TRACK MIND @ Big Foufs — 8pm/20h — \$23

VARNING

VARNING FEST XVI - SCHEDULE

THURSDAY OCTOBER 17TH:

MAIN SHOW @ PIRANHA (680. W. SAINTE-CATHERINE METRO PEEL ON THE GREEN LINE):

PHANE	11:55pm - 12:35am
BÉTON ARME	11:05pm - 11:40pm
THE RETROSPECTS	10:15pm - 10:50pm
FAZE	9:30pm - 10:00pm
CRISIS PARTY	8:45pm - 9:15pm
NEW VOGUE	8:05pm - 8:30pm
PIED DE BICHE	7:30pm - 7:50pm

Doors: 7:00pm Show: 7:30pm sharp! 18+ - 25\$

FRIDAY OCTOBER 18TH:

MATINEE SHOW @ PIRANHA BAR (2ND FLOOR):

THE HELL	3:50pm - 4:30pm
SKROUT	3:00pm - 3:35pm
SERPENT CORPSE	2:15pm - 2:45pm
STREET GLOVES	1:30pm - 2:00pm

Doors: 12:30pm Show: 1:30pm sharp! 18+ - 20\$

MAIN SHOW @ PIRANHA (680. W. SAINTE-CATHERINE METRO PEEL ON THE GREEN LINE):

TERMINAL FILTH	12:20am - 01:10am
TARREGA 91	11:25pm - 12:05am
ABSOLUT	10:35pm - 11:10pm
ZEAL	9:50pm - 10:20pm
WARKRUSHER	9:05pm - 9:35pm
TOTAL NADA	8:20pm - 8:50pm
VESTIGIO	7:40pm - 8:05pm
RAT PISS	7:00pm - 7:25pm

Doors: 6:30pm Show: 7pm sharp! 18+ - 35\$

SATURDAY OCTOBER 19TH:

MATINEE SHOW @ PIRANHA BAR (2ND FLOOR):

SIEGE FIRE	3:50pm - 4:30pm
A.T.E.R.	3:00pm - 3:35pm
WHITE COLLAR	2:15pm - 2:45pm
PORTAL TOMB	1:30pm - 2:00pm

D.I.Y. PUNK MARKET OPENING AT 12PM
SHOW: Doors: 12:30pm Show: 1:30pm sharp! 18+ - 20\$

MAIN SHOW @ PIRANHA (680. W. SAINTE-CATHERINE METRO PEEL ON THE GREEN LINE):

COUPE GORGE	11:25pm - 12:15am
FLASH	10:30pm - 11:10pm
IMPLODERS	9:40pm - 10:15pm
YOUNG BLADES	8:55pm - 9:25pm
TENAZ	8:10pm - 8:40pm
MOTORWOLF	7:30pm - 7:55pm

Doors: 7:00pm Show: 7:30pm sharp! 18+ - 35\$

AFTER SHOW @ PIRANHA BAR:

PSYCH-WAR	2:55am - 3:25am
ELECTRIC MASOCHIST	2:15am - 2:40am
SISTEMA DE MUERTE	1:30am - 2:00am
THE NOT	1:00am - 1:20am

Doors: 12:30am Show: 1:00am sharp! 18+ - 20\$

La Chaîne est une infolettre mensuelle et un calendrier de shows de la scène punk DIY Montréalaise. Envoyez-nous vos contributions en français et/ou en anglais: les annonces de spectacles punk, l'art (les photos, les dessins), les critiques (des spectacles, des événements, des enregistrements nouveaux), et les petits annonces.

La Chaîne is a newsletter and show calendar from the Montreal DIY punk scene. Send in your submissions in french and/or english: show announcements, art (photos or drawings), reviews (shows, events, new releases) and classified ads.

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